

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 7 and 13 are amended for clarification only and thus are not narrowed by such amendments. Claims 19 and 20 are added to recite features supported in the specification at, for example, page 5, line 13-19, page 6, line 28 – page 7, line 15 and Figs. 1 and 2. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending in this application. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Albertalli and McFadden during the August 31, 2005 personal interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,099,426 to Carlgren et al. ("Carlgren"); rejects claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Carlgren in view of Applicant's admitted prior art ("AAPA"); and rejects claims 5, 9 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Carlgren in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,721,939 to Kaplan. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Carlgren does not teach or suggest a method or a system for performing morphology analysis of a natural language document, comprising the steps recited in claims 1 and 7, respectively, and similarly recited for a system in claim 13.

Also as discussed during the interview, AAPA and Kaplan do not compensate for the deficiencies of Carlgren outlined above for claims 1 and 7. AAPA also does not teach, disclose or suggest the additional features recited in claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 16.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the independent claims are patentable over the applied references. The dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons discussed, as well as for the additional features

they recite. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 be withdrawn.

Newly added claims 19 and 20 are also patentable for at least the reasons discussed, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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